

Claim ~~11~~, line 2, substitute "XRCC4" with -DNA ligase IV--.

Claim ~~12~~, line 2, substitute "any one of claims 8 to 11" with -Claim 8--.

Claim ~~15~~, line 2, substitute "any one of claims 3 to 5" with -Claim 3--.

Cancel ~~claims~~ 17-18.

Claim ~~22~~, line 3, substitute "any one of claims 3 to 5" with -Claim 3--.

Claim ~~23~~, line 3, substitute "any one of claims 3 to 5" with -Claim 3--.

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections, and allow claims 1-16 and 19-28, the currently pending claims. Claims 5, 11, 12, 15, 22 and 23 have been amended to change the dependency. No new matter is added.

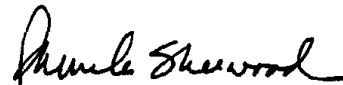
If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (650) 327-3400.

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